

not required. MPEP § 803. In this case, claims 1-37 are generally directed to video processing circuits operable to decode a region of an image, modify the decoded region, and re-encode the modified region. Claims 38-64 are generally directed to methods, the substance of which corresponds closely to operation of the circuits of claims 1-37. As such, a single field of search will cover all of these claims. Because all of the claims can be covered in a single search, there is no serious burden on the Examiner. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement.

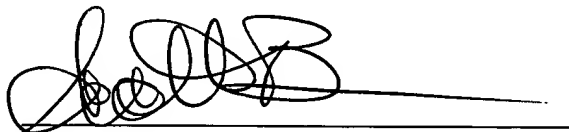
Although the Applicant believes the Restriction Requirement is improper, to fully respond to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicants elect for prosecution claims 1-64 which all read on Species 1.

In the event additional fees are due as a result of this amendment, payment for those fees has been enclosed in the form of a check. Should further payment be required to cover such fees you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' attorney, Scott Born, at (425) 455-5575.

Respectfully submitted,

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